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For : UNIQUE ASSOCIATED KAPOSI'S SARCOMA VIRUS SEQUENCES
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Applicants hereby submit this request for continued examination ("RCE") requesting consideration of an Amendment in Response To August 10, 2002 Final Office Action which applicants submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 10, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

On February 10, 2003, applicants filed a Notice of Appeal From The Examiner's Decision To The Board Of Patent Appeals And Interferences And A Petition For An Additional Two-Month Extension Of Time. The Notice of Appeal was received by the Patent and Trademark Office on February 14, 2003. Applicants submit herewith as **Exhibit A** a copy of the return postcard date stamped February 14, 2003. Therefore, an Appeal Brief was due on April 14, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time. The required fee for a one-month extension of time is \$110.00 for a large entity and applicants enclose a check for \$860.00 which includes the \$110.00 extension fee and the \$750.00 RCE filing fee.

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With a one-month extension of time, an Appeal Brief is now due on May 14, 2003.

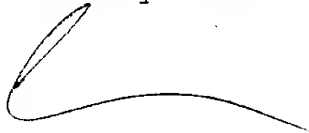
In a December 31, 2002 Advisory Action the Examiner assigned to the subject application stated that the Amendment filed on December 10, 2002 would not be entered because it raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. In lieu of filing an Appeal Brief, applicants are filing an RCE in order to request that the Examiner consider the December 10, 2002 Amendment in Response To August 10, 2002 Final Office Action. Accordingly, this RCE is being timely filed.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$860.00 sum, is deemed necessary. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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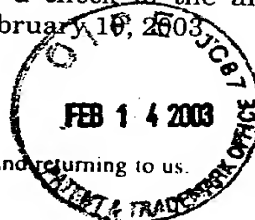
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S DECISION TO THE
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